Jewel Akens - LP and singles - “The Birds And The Bees”



US Promotional release



The US



and Canadian release of the hit-single (no. 2 in US), that sold more than a million copies



UK version

0615 Akens, Jewell *The Birds and The Bees/Tic Tac Toe* *Era Records 3141 (US) 1965*

0520 Akens, Jewell *The Birds and The Bees/Tic Tac Toe* *Era Records 3141 (CAN) 1965*

Leon on organ!





The follow up single “Georgie Porgie” was basically the same melody as “The Birds and the Bees” with new lyrics

758 Akens, Jewell *Georgie Porgie/Around the corner* *Era Records 3142 (US) 1965*

Leon organ on 1 and piano on 2

652 Akens, Jewell ***The Birds And The Bees*** *Era EL 110 (US) 1965*
Georgie Porgie (organ) –
Love Potion no. 9 (no piano) –
Sukiyaki (no piano) –
The Birds and the Bees (organ) –

Michael (Row the boat) (piano) –
So this is love (piano) –
Around the Corner (piano) –
Dear Heart (piano) –
Tic Tac Toe (piano background) –
King of the road (piano) –
It's the only way to fly (organ) –
The Vegetable Love Song (piano)

Akens first solo album. Leon all over - piano and organ. Recorded at the Gold Star Studio.
Carol Kaye on "The Birds and the Bees: "They ran my guitar through a Leslie organ speaker cabinet with the blower on for this tune – you had to play very even and strong to trigger the notes just right. An interesting effect. This date was at Gold Star a Don Ralke arrangement (Herb Newman production), later paid as union (first not - one of those "demo" dates most studio musicians did to help a fledgling company get off the ground with, before you insisted they got the Musicians Union license to hire us legally - we got 2 checks for this, the original one and later on, the Union one). Jewell sung live with the small band, he's a very nice fellow, wonderful singer and is still going strong on-tour etc."



1271 Akens, Jewell *It's the only way to fly/*
You sure know how to hurt a Fella *Era 3147 (US) LR?* *1965*

Another follow up from Akens. There is a short organ solo on 1 and piano on 2, I guess it must be Leon.



Promotional copy

1410 Akens, Jewell *Sniff-sniff-poo-pah-pahdoo/*
He who hesitates is lost *Era 3159 (US)* *1965*

This is again a follow up written and played along the same lines as "Birds and Bees". No LR on 1, but clearly Leon on organ on 2. The title on track 1 is the name of his dog "he is a secret agent and a hound dog too"!